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TO: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide

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VERMONT TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 38

PURPOSE: Revisions and Additions to the Field Office Tech Guide

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Receipt

BACKGROUND:

The following items have been revised or added to the Field Office Tech Guide.

1. **Add** to Section I-C-1-h, Major Land Resource Areas within Soil Survey Area 12-5.
2. **Add** to Section IV-E (Tools): VT NRCS Wildlife Plan Excel Template (Wildlife_Plan_1.xlt) which includes an example wildlife plan.
3. **Update** to Section IV-A, Pest Management Job Sheet and WinPST Workbook: Edits have been made to the Excel Workbook to provide for it to work properly with updated WinPST Version 3.1.
4. **Remove** from Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): 635 – Wastewater Treatment Area. **Replace** with 635 – Vegetated Treatment Area. This standard was recently updated by the national office and the name was changed. Also, remove 635 O&M and statement of work and replace with national statement of work.
5. **Remove** from Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): 472 – Use Exclusion. **Replace** with 472 – Access Control. This standard was recently updated by the national office and the name was changed. Also, remove 472 Use Exclusion job sheet and statement of work and replace with 472 Access Control Vermont Job Sheet and 472 Access Control national statement of work.
6. **Remove** from Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): 749 – Waste Field Storage Area. The design criteria from this interim practices has been moved to standard 313 – Waste Storage Facility. A new design tool has been added to the AWMFH to assist in locating adequate field stacking areas.
7. **Add** to Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): Practice Standard 552 – Irrigation Regulating Reservoir and 443 – Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface. These are national standards; no Vermont supplements have been added.
8. **Replace** in Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): Construction Specification #54, Geotextile. Two minor corrections have been made.
9. **Replace** in Section IV-I (Conservation Practices): O&M Cover Sheet. A few minor revisions have been made to the table of content.
10. **Replace** in Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): The following standards:
 - a. 396 – Fish Passage
 - b. 338 – Prescribed Burning

- c. 393 – Filter Strip
- d. 395 – Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
- e. 391 – Riparian Forest Buffer
- f. 512 – Pasture and Hayland Planting
- g. 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment

11. Add in Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): The following “new” specifications:

- a. 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer
- b. 512 – Pasture and Hayland Planting
- c. 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment

12. Add to Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): The following Job Sheets:

- a. 645 – Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) Job Sheet.
- b. 512 – Pasture and Hayland Planting
- c. 614 – Watering Facility (Nose Pump)
- d. 393 – Filter Strip

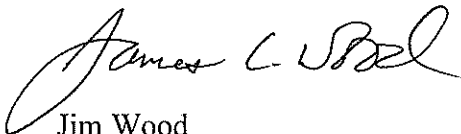
13. Replace in Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): 393 – Filter Strip Vermont Job Sheet.

14. Add to Section IV-A (Conservation Practices): The following tool: “Filter Strip Life Span Design for Sediment.xlt”. This excel workbook is the tool specified in the updated Filter Strip practice standard for designing the practice to meet the 10 year lifespan.

15. Add to Section I-A-13, Agronomy Technical Note #2: This Technical Note describes the procedure for the use of “RUSLE2” to design filter strips to meet the 10 year practice lifespan.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

These changes have already been made in eFOTG. If you are still maintaining a hard copy of the FOTG, please make the appropriate copies and file accordingly. Discard all old copies. If you have any questions regarding this notice please feel free to call me.



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